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SUBJ: HIGH-LEVEL APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED AT  
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1. FOLLOWING UNDERSECRETARIAL LEVEL APPOINTMENTS WERE  
ANNOUNCED BY MINISTRY OF COMMERCE FEBRUARY 19:

(A) IRAJ OLUMI AS UNDERSECRETARY FOR PLANNING AND  
COORDINATION. OLUMI WAS FORMERLY UNDERSECRETARY FOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, AND NEW POSITION  
UNDERLINES ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE BRINGING PLANNING AND  
COORDINATION UNDER RESPONSIBILITY OF MINISTRY'S EXECUTIVE  
ARM. IN HIS LATE 40'S, OLUMI IS LONG-TIME CIVIL SERVANT,  
WHO WAS CONSIDERED EFFECTIVE AS DIRECTOR OF ANTI-INFLATION  
CAMPAIGN INITIATED BY RASTA KHIZ PARTY.

(B) IRAJ ARYANPOUR AS UNDERSECRETARY OF DOMESTIC TRADE  
REPLACING ALI SEIRAFI. ARYANPOUR 42, BEGAN CIVIL SERVICE  
CAREER IN 1958 AND JOINED MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND  
TOURISM IN 1966, WHERE HE ROSE TO UNDERSECRETARY FOR  
PRESS AFFAIRS IN 1974, A POSITION HE HELD UNTIL  
RECENT COMMERCE APPOINTMENT.

(C) MIRTA SHIRANG AS UNDERSECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND  
MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CEREALS, SUGAR AND TEA ORGANIZA-  
TION REPLACING HASSEIN ALIZADEH. UNDER NEW GUIDELINES,  
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ORGANIZATION WILL NO LONGER PURCHASE COMMODITIES BUT

WILL BE CHARGED WITH STOCKPILING AND STORAGE. SHIRANG HAS 32 YEARS' GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE, AND IN LATE 1960'S WAS UNDERSECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

(D) MANOUCHEHR ASHRAFI AS UNDERSECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND PRESIDENT OF PRICE INTELLIGENCE CENTER. ASHRAFI IS ECONOMICS GRADUATE FROM AHRVARD AND HOLDS MASTER'S DEGREE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING. PREVIOUSLY, HE WAS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRICE CONTROL CENTER.

(E) NOSRATOLLAH KHATIVI-NOURI AS UNDERSECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES EXPANSION COMPANY, A NEW STATE-OWNED ORGANIZATION INTENDED TO MODERNIZE MARKETING SYSTEM, INCLUDING DISTRIBUTION OF ESSENTIAL ITEMS SUCH AS GRAIN, SUGAR, ETC. KHATIBI-NOURI COMPLETED DOCTORATE IN ECONOMICS AT U.S. UNIVERSITY AND PREVIOUSLY WAS UNDERSECRETARY FOR RESEARCH AND STATISTICS AT MINISTRY OF COOPERATIVES AND RURAL AFFAIRS.

(F) MANOUCHEHR AZMOUDEH AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN TRANSACTIONS COMPANY; JOB INCLUDES PORTION OF SEIRAFI'S OLD PORTFOLIO THOUGH IT NOT DESIGNATED AT UNDERSECRETARIAL LEVEL. COMPANY MAINTAINS PURCHASING FUNCTION AS IN PST.

2. ALSO ON FEBRUARY 19 MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES AND MINES ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF HOUSHANG SABETI AS MANAGER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND RENOVATION ORGANIZATION(IDRO) SUCCEEDING MANOUCHEHR TASLIMI, WHO WAS RECENTLY NAMED MINISTER OF COMMERCE. SABETI WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF IDRO IN MID 1975. A MECHANICAL ENGINEERING GRADUATE FROM BERKLEY, HE HAS ALSO SERVED ON FACULTY OF ARYAMEHR UNIVERSITY, AND PRIOR TO JOINING IDRO WAS DEAN OF INDUSTRIAL FACULTY.

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